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ABSTRACT

This book serves as a call to action to anyone who works with young people. It discusses what it means to care for young people at all levels of social interaction: as individuals; in a professional capacity; within an organization; and as a society. It attempts to integrate theories and concepts of those who work with youth. It is intended to mobilize the energy into intentional actions that make sense both in individual contexts and in the context of broad social terms. Following an introduction, Chapter 2 sets forth a definition of caring in practice. Chapter 3 discusses some questions about care in practice and the role of both parties in the caring relationship. Chapter 4 develops a framework by which to consider the development of caring in individuals. It reviews the research on the impact of youth community service in developing skills. Chapter 5 looks at how caring can have an impact and how that impact can be demonstrated. Chapter 6 moves care from an individual level to caring schools and other organizations. The last chapter attempts to bring what is said about caring to an examination of society as a whole. (Contains 39 references.) (JDM)

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